

SENATE BILL No. 275

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-33-2-7; IC 20-43-4-5.

Synopsis: Mandatory full-day kindergarten. Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, requires a student to enroll in a full-day kindergarten program if the student is at least five years of age on August 1. Provides that a kindergarten pupil is counted as one pupil (rather than 1/2 pupil) for purposes of ADM and school funding.

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-33-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.246-2005,
2 SECTION 177, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) In addition to the
4 requirements of sections 4 through 6 of this chapter, a student must be
5 at least five (5) years of age on ~~(1) July 1 of the 2005-2006 school year;~~
6 ~~or (2) August 1 of the 2006-2007 school year or any subsequent school~~
7 ~~year;~~ to officially enroll in a kindergarten program offered by a school
8 corporation. However, subject to subsection ~~(c); (b)~~, the governing
9 body of the school corporation shall adopt a procedure affording a
10 parent of a student who does not meet the minimum age requirement
11 set forth in this subsection the right to appeal to the superintendent for
12 enrollment of the student in kindergarten at an age earlier than the age
13 set forth in this subsection.
14 ~~(b) In addition to the requirements of sections 4 through 6 of this~~
15 ~~chapter and subsection (a); and subject to subsection (c); if a student~~
16 ~~enrolls in school as allowed under section 6 of this chapter and has not~~



1 attended kindergarten; the superintendent shall make a determination
 2 as to whether the student shall enroll in kindergarten or grade 1 based
 3 on the particular model assessment adopted by the governing body
 4 under subsection (c).

5 ~~(c)~~ **(b)** To assist the principal and governing bodies, the department
 6 shall ~~do the following:~~ **(1)** establish guidelines to assist each governing
 7 body in establishing a procedure for making appeals to the
 8 superintendent under subsection (a).

9 ~~(2)~~ Establish criteria by which a governing body may adopt a
 10 model assessment that may be used in making the determination
 11 under subsection ~~(b)~~.

12 **(c) Beginning with the 2014-2015 school year, a student shall**
 13 **enroll in a full-day kindergarten program as provided in**
 14 **subsection (a).**

15 SECTION 2. IC 20-43-4-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.2-2006, SECTION
 16 166, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
 17 1, 2014]: Sec. 5. In determining ADM, each kindergarten pupil shall be
 18 counted as ~~one-half (1/2)~~ **one (1)** pupil. If a school corporation
 19 commences kindergarten in a school year, the ADM of the current and
 20 prior calendar years shall be adjusted to reflect the enrollment of the
 21 kindergarten pupils.

